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TI Preparation of N-alkyl-2-pyrrolidone from .gamma.-butyrolactone or its

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AB N-alkyl-2-pyrrolidone is prepd. by treatment of .gamma.-butyrolactone (I), 4-hydroxybutyric acid (II), or its oligomer (III) with .gtoreq.1 alkylamine(s) in the presence of carboxylic acid (other than II or III), carboxylate ester, or carboxamide. Thus, I was autoclaved with MeNH2, Me2NH, Me3N, and AcOMe in H2O for 5 h to give 94.9% N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone.

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